



## State Legislative Update for April 2 – 8, 2016

### **Committee Hearings**

#### ***House:***

[HF2868](#) – Pugh: This is the bill to help Veterans get emergency dental care. This bill was heard in the Veterans Affairs Division. It was passed and re-referred to State Government Finance.

[HF3109](#) – Dettmer: This bill makes changes to state contracting preferences for businesses owned by women, people from certain minority groups, people with substantial physical disability or veterans and businesses located in economically disadvantaged areas. It was heard in the Veterans Affairs Division. The bill was passed and re-referred to Government Operations and Elections.

House Public Safety and Crime Prevention heard [HF2554](#). This is Rep. Howe's bill that would clarify that military officers and Veterans cannot be impersonated. The charge would be a misdemeanor. The bill was presented and then had no questions or comments from the committee. It was passed and sent to the floor.

House Commerce heard [HF3252](#). This is the real estate license bill carried by Rep. Newberger. It extends the deadline for renewing a license after serving in the military. The committee passed it and sent it to the general register where it awaits a vote by the full House of Representatives.

#### ***Next week:***

Veterans Affairs Division

Room 200 - State Office Building at 12:45pm on Monday, April 11:

The committee will hear a presentation from the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans.

[HF3663](#) – Dettmer: Allows Military personnel stationed outside the state permitted to obtain extensions of their permit to carry a handgun.

State Government Finance

Room 200 – State Office Building at 8:15am on Tuesday, April 12:

This committee will hear two bills related to Veterans-

[HF2868](#) – Pugh: emergency dental care grants authorized from state soldiers' assistance fund, subtraction for dentists who provide charity care to veterans allowed, and money appropriated

[HF2342](#) – Dettmer: Capitol grounds memorial commemorating Minnesotans awarded the Medal of Honor provided.

NOTE: More bills could be added to committee agendas.

#### ***Senate:***

State Departments and Veterans Budget Division heard Senator Anderson's [SF2782](#). The bill would create emergency dental care grants for Veterans needing care. There was no significant discussion from the committee. It was passed and re-referred to the Finance committee.

#### ***Next week:***

State Departments and Veterans Budget

Room 1100 – Minnesota Senate Building at 4pm on Monday, April: 11

[SF3149](#) – Clausen: Disabled veterans nonprofit interim housing commissioner of veterans affairs feasibility study and appropriation

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### **Legislation**

A number of bills related to Veterans issues were introduced this week. Follow the [State Bill Tracker](#) for updates to these bills.

[HF3839](#) – Dettmer: A resolution urging Congress and the President to define as veterans former members of the National Guard who served in the National Guard for 20 or more years and are entitled to retired pay for nonregular service.

[HF3850](#) – Lesch: Veterans' Voice radio programming funding provided, and money appropriated.

[SF3427](#) – Anderson: Veterans benefits services disclosure requirements and Veterans Affairs commissioner disclosure statement development requirement.

[SF3461](#) – Hoffman: GI Bill benefits additional uses authorization

[SF3498](#) – Saxhaug: Disabled veterans Minnesota state colleges and universities (MnSCU) tuition relief authorization and appropriation